9:30 a.m. Baptism of Jesus January 9, 2022

 The Reverend Susan E. Kerr Mr. Alan Newman

 Minister and Pastor Organist and Music Director

* Please rise, in body or in spirit. **Bold words indicate unison participation.**

**\***Indicates liturgical materials used from Seasons of the Spirit©

**OUR APPROACH TO GOD**

ORGAN PRELUDE “Prelude for Epiphany”                            Maurice Durufle

                    “Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella”      arr. Alfred Fedak

                   “The Christ Child”                                R. G. Hailing

CHIMES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT**  **(INSERT) “HOLY GROUND”**

**RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Come beloved, seekers of God’s wonders…

**ALL: We come to the river – the sparkling river.**

Leader: Come beloved, seekers of God’s creative spirit…

**ALL: We come to the river – the buoyant river.**

Leader: Come beloved, seekers of God’s assurance…

**ALL: We come to the river – the cleansing river.**

Leader: Come beloved, seekers of God’s nurture and care…

**ALL: We come to the river – the healing river.**

Leader: Come beloved, seekers of God’s abiding presence…

**ALL: We come to the river – the refreshing river.**

**UNISON GATHERING PRAYER**

**Source of Life,**

**we stand on the shoreline of faith**

**waiting to wade into the waters of Your love.**

**Encourage us into the ebb and flow of life in You.**

**Amen.**

SALUTATION AND **SHARING of the Peace** *(Remain seated.)*

 L: Peace be with you! **ALL:** **AND ALSO WITH YOU!**

###### HYMN (insert) “WHEN JESUS CAME TO JORDAN” (Munich)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**\*

Creator God, You have fashioned and formed us in your image, calling us by name:

**Beloved… beloved… beloved…** (silence)

You fire us in a shining glaze that reflects your tender loving care,

refining us into a burnished vessel for your Spirit.

**We confess that we do not always see ourselves as worthy of Your attention**

**and that at times we fail to turn to You when You call us by name:**

**Beloved… beloved… beloved…** (silence)

We ask that You pour out Your love upon us, a refreshing, cleansing rain

calling out all that is lustrous, is Christ in us, shining into our world.

(Pause for a time of silent prayer.)

Kyrie Eleison (sung) #297

**Spirit of the living God, fall a-fresh on me;**

**Spirit of the living God, fall a-fresh on me;**

**Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.**

**Spirit of the living God, fall a-fresh on me.**

Words of Assurance

But now thus says God who created us, who formed us:

“Do not fear for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.”

Sisters and brothers, created and formed, redeemed and called by name:

**Beloved…beloved…beloved…** (silence)

We are God’s beloved, for we can see God’s love

reflected in ourselves and in one another.

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

THE LAW OF GOD

* GLORIA PATRI #805

 ***Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost! As it was in the***

 ***beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end; Amen, Amen.***

**THE WORD OF GOD**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS Isaiah 43:1-7 Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

**SERMON HYMN (Insert) “BORNING CRY”** *(please remain seated)*

SERMON “Baptized With the Holy Spirit and Fire” The Rev. Susan E. Kerr

**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD**

THE WORSHIP OF GIVING: OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

* DOXOLOGY  **#809** (The Worshiping Church hymnal)

**“Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below.**

 **Praise God above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.”**

* Prayer of Dedication of our Gifts and Tithes

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

*Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be*

 *done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our*

 *debts, as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from*

 *evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

* **HYMN**  **#302 “HOLY SPIRIT, LIGHT DIVINE”**
* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Variations on “I Saw Three Ships” David Lasky

 **THE CONSISTORY OF OLD NORTH**

 Elders: Karen DiBella (2022) Scott Benell (2023) Carol Sushko (2023, 2nd term)

 Deacons: Betsy Erhard (2021) Brianna Polbos (2021)

 John Passarotti (2022) Richard Schmude (2023)

 Minister: Rev. Susan Kerr (Parsonage) 201-338-8237; revskerr@gmail.com



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*Welcome to worship at Old North Reformed Church!*

*If you would like to be added to our mailing list, please leave your contact*

*information in the guest book before leaving today.*

**We encourage you to keep this copy of the liturgy and take it home to**

**share** **with a member of your family, or with a friend.**

“In the Reformed Church, baptism is always performed in the context of a congregation of God’s people. Baptism is primarily an act of God, showing grace toward us, and only secondarily an expression of our commitment to God. The Reformed tradition believes that scripture teaches that baptism has replaced circumcision, a Hebrew rite that marked the covenant between God and God’s people.”

**Prayer Chain:** If you would appreciate adding the power of prayer to uplift in times of celebration, healing, or transitions in life, please call Pat Hooey, 201-843-4456.



**Church Family Prayer List:**

**●Barbara ●Jeanne ●Katie ●Michael**

Those with chronic conditions and their loving care-givers; those undergoing medical

procedures and those who are recovering; those in mourning; those fighting cancer; and those

seeking spiritual and emotional well-being.

If you are able to host one Sunday, the sign up

sheet is available during Coffee Hour.





 **Join Pastor Susan on Wednesdays for 11 a.m. Lectionary Bible Study.**

 **We meet in the Church House Lounge. All are welcome!**

Bring your own Bible or use one of ours.

There will be no Bible Study on 1/19/22 & 1/26/22.

*Participants are required to be fully vaccinated.*

**Congratulations to all of our Church Family who are celebrating a special event!**

**Happy Birthday!**

 1/3 Danielle Toscano 1/6 Megan Passarotti

1/12 Eric Frolich 1/19 Jackie Toscano

1/23 Karen Minkler 1/29 Richard Bennewitz

**Happy Anniversary!**

1/9 James & Cheryl Rodgers

**TODAY FOLLOWING WORSHIP:**

**Deacons Meeting** in the Library to finalize recommendations for our

2022 Benevolences.

**Thrift Shoppe Meeting** in the Auditorium.

**New Members Meeting** in the Lounge.

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**Next Consistory Meeting:** Thursday, January 13, 2022 at 7:00 in the Lounge.

**Food Drive:** January 15th from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Contact Scott Benell if you would like to volunteer. We have had great success being able to donate to the Dumont Food Pantry, thanks to everyone’s generosity in the community!

**Annual Congregational Meeting:** The meeting has been changed to January 16th 2022. Committee Chairs if you have not already done so, please provide your annual reports.

**2022 Church Directory:** The new church directory will be available in the Auditorium during Coffee Hour. Please help yourself to one per household.

**Egg Cartons & Shopping Bags:** Old North continues to collect empty 1 dozen egg cartons along with plastic and paper shopping bags for the Dumont Food Pantry. The Pantry receives their eggs in bulk and this helps them to distribute them to local families. There is a bin in the Church House hallway. If you have any questions, contact the office.

If you have a **pastoral need** or wish to contact Pastor Susan, you may call the

parsonage at 201-338-8237 or the church, and leave a message.

Her cell phone number is 201-983-7008.

If you are “not sure” whether or not you should call—please call!

Note that Pastor Susan’s day off is Monday, but call in an emergency.

Pastor Susan will be on vacation from 1/17/22 - 1/31/22.

We welcome the Reverends Jodie Wu and Phyllis Palsma into our pulpit.

In case of pastoral emergency please contact an elder.